

Service For The Lord's Day

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

Eleven O'clock

Welcome Into God's House (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when they said unto me,
Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.
Congregation: **Alleluia!**

Chimes of the Trinity

Prelude "Vive La Joye" Stanton Lanier

Choral Introit "My Lord! What a Morning" Hymn 352

Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows forth the work of God's hands.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter by far than honey, than honey in the comb.
Let the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, our strength and our redeemer.

***Hymn 1** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Prayer of the Day (in unison)

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship. Forsaking old ways, may we proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world. Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song "I Love You, Lord" Hymn 627
**I love, you Lord, and I lift my voice, to worship you; O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound
in your ear.**

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem "Who May Dwell?" Andrew Cumbow

Who may dwell on your holy hill? Who may dwell?
Who may dwell in your sacred space? Who may dwell?
They who walk humbly in your sight. They who speak your truth and light.
They who love needy in their plight. They will dwell.
We will walk humbly in your sight. We will speak your truth and light.
We will love needy in their plight. We will dwell.

Scripture Lesson

Old Testament Reading **Joshua 24: 1-2, 13-24**

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I gave you a land on which you had not labored, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey."

Gospel Reading **Luke 4: 16-21**

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

***Hymn 321** "The Church's One Foundation"

Sermon *Whose We Are*

*Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. Jim Lucas

*Doxology "Old Hundredth" (Hymn 606)

Offertory Response

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.**
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**
All: **Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

*** Hymn 232** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

*Charge and Benediction

*Response in Song "Guide My Feet" (Hymn 741, verse 3)

**Stand by me while I run this race;
stand by me while I run this race;
stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain!**

Postlude "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" arr. Bill Wolaver

*Those who are able, please stand

Welcome to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church!

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), two centuries young and committed to living out the Gospel today as we Seek, Serve, Praise and Love Christ. If you are a visitor today, we are especially glad that you are here. We hope that you will leave us a record of your visit by completing a visitor card and placing it in the offering plate. Feel free to contact our pastor, Elliott Hipp, with questions or prayer concerns: deh46@columbia.edu or 704-502-2143. Please come again soon.

Worshipping On-Line

Our worship service is also streamed live each week, and is available to watch later in the week as well. For Facebook and YouTube links, please visit pawcreekpc.org. When you worship with us from home, you can use an on-line version of our *Glory to God* hymnal so that you can sing along or follow the words to the hymns. For phone or tablet, search "Glory to God" in your app store. For computer, go to hymnary.org/hymnal/GG2013 and click on the hymn number. Most hymns are available, although there are a few that cannot be displayed due to copyright restriction.

Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures

Sunday, February 2

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Betsy Williamson
"The Scary Call"
Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Sunday, February 9

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Rev. Betsy Williamson
"Try, and Try, and Try Again"
Luke 5: 1-11

Pastoral Concerns

After next Friday, January 31, the pastoral needs of the congregation will be in the care of our Church Session. Beginning then, and for the next several weeks, please direct any concerns or news about members of the congregation to a member of the Session, as listed on the back page of the bulletin.

Elliott's Retirement Luncheon

Everyone is Invited to join us after Worship today for lunch to celebrate Elliott's Retirement.

Menu will be: Beef tips over rice, grilled chicken breast, green beans, broccoli casserole, potato salad, rolls, tea, and homemade desserts.

Disaster Relief

A part of the Presbytery that helps victims of natural disasters is called the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program (PDA). This program has been on the ground helping people in the Western NC mountains since shortly after Hurricane Helene struck. The PDA is now on the ground in California, helping those people affected by the wildfires. Please consider a donation to the PDA; it will help support those in need. When writing a check, please make it out to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church, and write Presbyterian Disaster Assistance on the memo line.

Happy Hearts

Monday, February 3, 2025 *(Date Change)

11:00am
BINGO * FOOD * FELLOWSHIP
Come and join us for BINGO in the CFC! Soup lunch will be provided. We will have lots of fun and door prizes too! Cost \$1 per game card.
Please RSVP to Vicki Ramsey 704-393-8697 or 704-281-2836 by Jan 29, 2025 to make sure we have enough food. Hope to see you there!

We are in need of some great door prizes!

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

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The Session

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Committee Chairs

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Presbyterian Women

Moderator: Karen Turner

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Go & Grow Circle Moderator: Gerri Ann Shaw Life Seekers Circle Moderator: Dina Salvo
Special Givings: Celia Gray

Church Calendar

Sunday, January 26

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

Tuesday, January 28

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 29

10:00am Bible Study
12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, January 30

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Sunday, February 2

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Betsy Williamson/
Communion/10¢ Hunger

Tuesday, February 4

9:00am Cardio Fitness
10:00am PW Grow & Go Circle
7:00pm PW Life Seekers Circle

Wednesday, February 5

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 6

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

**Friday, February 7
Room in the Inn**

Sunday, February 9

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Betsy Williamson

Tuesday, February 11

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 12

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 13

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice

Saturday, February 15

10:30am Women's Ecumenical Luncheon

Sunday, February 16

9:45am Sunday School
11:00am Worship/Rev. Fred Grosse

Monday, February 17

***Church Office Closed**

Tuesday, February 18

9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 19

12:00pm Bulletin Deadline
5:30pm CCC

Thursday, February 20

6:30am Men's Bible Study
9:00am Cardio Fitness
6:30pm Choir Practice



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